

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1a shows the basic form of the inorganic, insoluble nanoparticles of some embodiments of the invention. The nanoparticle 1 consists of pure NCT metal, such as ^{10}B glass or ceramic and has a size of between about 1 and 10,000 Å (10^{-10} to 10^{-6} m). Preferably, the nanoparticles are between about 1 and 1,000 Å (10^{-10} to 10^{-7} m), more preferably between about 1 and 100 Å (10^{-10} to 10^{-8} m) and ideally between about 10 and 100 Å (10^{-9} to 10^{-8} m).